AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS.

Presentation of the report of the Select Committee.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Sir, in presenting the report of the Select Committee, appointed to consider the amendment of Standing Order No. 7, I move that the amendment may be accepted.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Does the member move for the *report* of the Select Committee being accepted or for the *amendment*?

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: The report, Sir.

President: I was about to ask that.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: I second the motion, Sir.

President: The effect is that the amendment is withdrawn?

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Yes Sir.

The amendment was, by leave, withdrawn.

RESOLUTIONS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.

Reduction of tax on wet lands in Nanjinad.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: Sir, I beg to move the following resolution:

> "This Council recommends to the Government that, on account of the peculiar conditions prevailing in Nanjinad, tax on all wet lands, inclusive of water rate, be reduced by 50 per cent. till normal conditions are restored."

The tract known as *Nanjinad* comprises the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram, and is said to have been annexed to Travancore in the year 292 M. E. As the name itself indicates, the land has been noted for *Nanja* cultivation and has been rightly called the 'Grannery of Travancore'.

In fact, even now the main occupation and the only occupation, is *nanja* cultivation, chiefly paddy. In other words, the people of Nanjinad are mainly agricultural. Land is their only property and income from land is the only source of income. In short, *they live or die with the land.*

The people of Nanjinad have always been noted for their unstinting *loyalty* and devotion to our beloved sovereign and to our beloved country.

Unmindful of what is taking place elsewhere, they have been following their peaceful occupation—tilling the land, sowing the seed and reaping the harvest. The peculiar characteristic of the

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